

REMARKS

A review of the claims indicates that:

A) Claims 1—12, 23—25 and 30—35 remain in their original form.

B) Claims 13—22 and 26—29 are currently withdrawn.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims and withdrawal of the rejections.

Election/Restriction

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and are characterized by the Office as containing three (3) patentably distinct inventions:

1. Species I, as per Fig. 1 and paragraph [0014] to [0015];
2. Species II, as per Fig. 2 and paragraph [0016] to [0024];
3. Species III, as per Fig. 3 and paragraph [0025] to [0033];

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1—12, 23—25 and 30—35 associated with Species III and Fig. 3.

Independent Claims 1, 12, 23 and 30

Claim 1 is based in part on Fig. 1. For example, the “filtering,” “analyzing,” and “merging” steps are related to blocks 302, 304 and 308, respectively, of Fig. 3. Similarly, the “creating a cover template...” of claim 2 is related to block 306 of Fig. 3. And further, the “adding,” “calculating,” and “generating” steps of claim 3 are related to blocks 310, 312 and 314, respectively. Other claims are similarly included in the grouping.

1 Claims 12, 23 and 30 (the other three independent claims) are similarly
2 worded (reciting filtering, analyzing and merging), and are also supported by
3 blocks 302, 304 and 308 of Fig. 3.

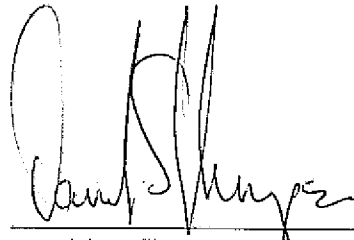
4 **Conclusion**

5 The Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance
6 and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued. If the Office's
7 next anticipated action is not the issuance of a Notice of Allowability, the
8 Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted for the
9 purpose of scheduling an interview.

10 Respectfully Submitted,

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